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TAGS: ENRG, SY, UR

SUBJECT: SYRIAN/SOVIET ECONOMIC RELATIONS; SYRIAN PETROLEUM  
TECHNICIANS

REF: DAMASCUS 6066

1. REFTEL SPOKE OF SYRIAN CONFIDENCE THAT SOVIETS CANNOT  
"AFFORD TO WITHDRAW PETROLEUM TECHNICIANS".

2. IN A NEW TWIST, ACCORDING TO ITALIAN COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY,  
THE SYRIANS ARE PERMITTING CONTRACTS OF SOVIET  
TECHNICIANS IN THE OIL FIELDS TO LAPSE AND DO NOT SEEM  
TO BE HIRING REPLACEMENTS. SYRIAN GOVERNMENT APPARENTLY  
DID THE SAME THING ON A SMALL SCALE LAST YEAR.  
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